EXHIBIT A

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ATTESTATION OF POSSESSION

(For Use by FBI)

MATTERS REGARDIN	G: COURT CASE NUMBER: 18 CR 789			
	DEFENDANT(S): DENY MITROVICH			
	THE FOLLOWING ITEM(S) ARE IN THE POSSESSION OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION:			
	ITEM DESCRIPTION(S):			
(a) one Western Digital External Hard Drive, bearing seri				
PROPERTY	WCARW6062159, (b) one Hitachi Internal Hard Drive, bearing serial number HN07304A, and (c) one Western Digital Internal Hard Drive, bearing serial number WCASY1307751 (19-FBI-002246)			
	LOCATION:			
	Federal Bureau of Investigation			
	Chicago Division			
OFFICIAL AGENT OR REPR	RESENTATIVE OF THE FBI			
I hereby certify that the a	bove-described property is currently in FBI custody.			
☐ I hereby certify that the F	BI has received a copy of the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture regarding the property above.			
Name	Title			
ANTHONY				
Signature	Date (9/2023			
PLEASE RETURN EXECUTED	FORM VIA EMAIL TO:			
Name	Organization / Title			
Mary Beth Ryan	USAO-NDIL / Paralegal			
Email				

EXHIBIT B

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
Plaintiff,)	
v.)	18 CR 789
Deny Mitrovich)	
Defendant.)	

DECLARATION OF PUBLICATION

In accordance with 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1) and Rule 32.2(b)(6)(C) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, notice of the forfeiture was posted on an official government internet site (www.forfeiture.gov) for at least 30 consecutive days, beginning on December 21, 2022 and ending on January 19, 2023. (See, Attachment 1).

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on February 14, 2023 at Chicago, IL.

Mary Ryan

Contract Forfeiture Paralegal

Attachment 1

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, EASTERN DIVISION COURT CASE NUMBER: 18 CR 789; NOTICE OF FORFEITURE

Notice is hereby given that on December 19, 2022, in the case of <u>U.S. v. Deny</u> <u>Mitrovich</u>, Court Case Number 18 CR 789, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois entered an Order condemning and forfeiting the following property to the United States of America:

- (a) one Western Digital External Hard Drive, bearing serial number WCARW6062159;
- (b) one Hitachi Internal Hard Drive, bearing serial number HN07304A;
- (c) one Western Digital Internal Hard Drive, bearing serial number WCASY1307751

The United States hereby gives notice of its intent to dispose of the forfeited property in such manner as the United States Attorney General may direct. Any person, other than the defendant(s) in this case, claiming interest in the forfeited property must file an ancillary petition within 60 days of the first date of publication (December 21, 2022) of this Notice on this official government internet web site, pursuant to Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1). The ancillary petition must be filed with the Clerk of the Court, United States Courthouse, 219 South Dearborn Street, 20th Floor, Chicago, IL 60604, and a copy served upon Assistant United States Attorney Andrew Erskine, 219 South Dearborn, Room 500, Chicago, IL 60604. The ancillary petition shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title or interest in the forfeited property, the time and circumstances of the petitioner's acquisition of the right, title and interest in the forfeited property and any additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim and the relief sought, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n).

Following the Court's disposition of all ancillary petitions filed, or if no such petitions are filed, following the expiration of the period specified above for the filing of such ancillary petitions, the United States shall have clear title to the property and may warrant good title to any subsequent purchaser or transferee.

The government may also consider granting petitions for remission or mitigation, which pardon all or part of the property from the forfeiture. A petition must include a description of your interest in the property supported by documentation; include any facts you believe justify the return of the property; and be signed under oath, subject to the penalty of perjury, or meet the requirements of an unsworn statement under penalty of perjury. See 28 U.S.C. Section 1746. For the regulations pertaining to remission or mitigation of the forfeiture, see 28 C.F.R. Sections 9.1 - 9.9. The criteria for remission of the forfeiture are found at 28 C.F.R. Section 9.5(a). The criteria for mitigation of the forfeiture are found at 28 C.F.R. Section 9.5(b). The petition for remission need not be

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made in any particular form and may be filed online or in writing. You should file a petition for remission not later than 11:59 PM EST 30 days after the date of final publication of this notice. See 28 C.F.R. Section 9.3(a). The https://www.forfeiture.gov/FilingPetition.htm website provides access to a standard petition for remission form that may be mailed and the link to file a petition for remission online. If you cannot find the desired assets online, you must file your petition for remission in writing by sending it to Assistant United States Attorney Andrew Erskine, 219 South Dearborn, Room 500, Chicago, IL 60604. This website provides answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) about filing a petition for remission. You may file both an ancillary petition with the court and a petition for remission or mitigation.



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6	12/26/2022	23.9	Verified
7	12/27/2022	23.9	Verified
8	12/28/2022	23.9	Verified
9	12/29/2022	23.9	Verified
10	12/30/2022	23.9	Verified
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